

REMARKS

In the subject Office action dated March 16, 2006, Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-32 were examined. In response thereto, Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are canceled to expedite allowance of the present application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's indication that Claims 10-13, 15-20, and 29-32 are presently allowable.

Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's indication that Claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants hereby amend Claim 21 to include the limitations of Claim 23 and cancel Claim 23. Claim 22 is also believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of its dependence from Claim 21

Applicants also acknowledge with appreciation Examiner's indication that Claim 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants hereby amend Claim 24 to include the limitations of Claim 28 and cancel Claim 28. Claims 25-27 are also believed to be in condition for allowance by virtue of their dependence from Claim 24.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims of the application are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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